



*Maine Department of Health and Human Services*

**MECMS Update 78**

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**Billing News & Tips**

**2007 ICD9 codes are available**

The reference team in the Office of MaineCare Services has updated the additions and deletions for ICD9 Procedure and ICD9 Diagnosis Codes within MECMS. The new codes have a start date of October 1, 2006. The deleted codes cannot be used after September 31, 2006.

The following new ICD9 Procedure codes require hysterectomy forms: 6841, 6849, 6861, 6869, 6871, and 6879.

Providers can access the list of new and deleted codes at

[http://www.cms.hhs.gov/ICD9ProviderDiagnosticCodes/07\\_summarytables.asp#TopOfPage](http://www.cms.hhs.gov/ICD9ProviderDiagnosticCodes/07_summarytables.asp#TopOfPage)

Please **do not** include the decimal point when submitting claims to MECMS. This will cause your claim to be rejected due to an invalid code.

**Rule adopted for medical supplies and durable medical equipment**

Changes have been adopted to the MaineCare Benefits Manual, Chapter II, Section 60, Medical Supplies and Durable Medical Equipment.

The changes apply to Section 60.07.1 (requirements), section 60.07-6 (emergency equipment), appendix A.11 (cochlear implants), appendix A.12 (negative pressure wound therapy) and appendix B.6 (bone growth stimulators).

All proposed and adopted rules can be found at [http://www.maine.gov/bms/rules/provider\\_rules\\_policies.htm](http://www.maine.gov/bms/rules/provider_rules_policies.htm)

**UB92 billing alert**

Institutional providers are asked to pay special attention to form locator 50 of the UB92 billing form. The National Uniform Billing Data Element Specifications requires this field to now say "Medicare." Claims submitted with anything else in this space, such as the "C" indicator, are suspending.

New OMS UB92 billing instructions are nearing completion and will be posted to the web site. Once that occurs, newly submitted claims with incorrect information in FL 50 will be denied.

**HCFA 1500 billing alert**

Providers that use HCFA 1500 forms are reminded that Box 24J is to be used only if claiming Medicare coinsurance/deductible. In these cases, a "Y" should be placed in Box 24J. Coinsurance/deductible other than Medicare should be placed in Box 29.

**Revised payment schedule for the Columbus Day holiday**

Due to the Columbus Day holiday, the Department of Health and Human Services will change the schedule for issuing payments to providers. These changes are for the week beginning Friday, October 6 and ending Friday, October 13. Beginning Monday, October 16, payment cycles will return to the normal schedule.

**For claims payment by electronic fund transfer:**

Normally electronic fund transfers would be released Friday, October 6, for receipt that night or until the following Tuesday, October 10, (depending on the electronic fund transfer vendor).

The change for Columbus Day is that these fund transfers will be received through Wednesday, October 11.

**For claims payment by check:**

Normally, checks and the corresponding remittance advice statements (RAs) would be released on Monday, October 9, for receipt by the following Friday, October 13, (depending on the mail).

The change for Columbus Day is that checks and remittance advices will be released on Tuesday, October 10, for receipt by the following Saturday, October 14, (depending on the mail).

**For interim payments by electronic fund transfer:**

Normally, interim payment electronic fund transfers would occur on Wednesday, October 11, for receipt that night or until the following Monday, October 16, (depending on the electronic fund transfer vendor).

The change for Columbus Day is that interim payment electronic fund transfers will occur on Thursday, October 12, for receipt that night or until the following Tuesday, October 17, (depending on the electronic fund transfer vendor).

**For interim payments by check:**

Normally, the interim payment checks that have no corresponding remittance advice statement would be released Thursday, October 12, for receipt by the following Tuesday, October 17, (depending on the mail).

The change for Columbus Day is that interim payment checks that do not have a corresponding remittance advice will be released on Friday, October 13, for receipt by the following Wednesday, October 18, (depending on the mail).

**Learn More & Talk To Us****One-on-one visits with provider representatives continue into October**

Provider relations' representatives will continue their statewide outreach with appointments in Fort Kent, Houlton and Caribou October 3-5.

Appointments are available in one-hour time slots. A schedule of dates and locations, along with appointment start times follows.

Enrollment is on a first-requested, first-registered basis and is limited to a one-hour session per provider. A registration form is available by contacting Deborah Thomas at [dthomas@usm.maine.edu](mailto:dthomas@usm.maine.edu)

Please schedule your appointment soon. We look forward to assisting you with any billing or claims questions you may have!

Tuesday, October 3rd

- **Fort Kent**  
8:00 am – 3:00 pm

Wednesday, October 4<sup>th</sup>

- **Houlton**  
8:00 am – 3:00 pm

Thursday, October 5<sup>th</sup>

- **Caribou**  
8:00 am – 2:00 pm

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